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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from May 21, 2002 to and including August 21, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$920.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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